

2004 Lightning Fatalities

In 2004, there were 32 lightning fatalities, 11 less than the 2003 total of 43. The 2004 number falls significantly below the 10-year average of 49 fatalities. For the 6th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 5 fatalities; Georgia also lost 5 citizens to lightning; Texas and Colorado each lost 3 lives to lightning. As per previous year, the most dangerous place to be in 2004 was in the open, with 13 deaths (41%); under a tree, 6 (19%). In 2004, as in 2003, almost four times as many men, 26, (81%) as woman. 6, (19%) were killed by lightning. The 30-49 age range accounted for 53% of the fatalities with 17 deaths. Lightning most severely affects younger ages that are active outside.

2004 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
FL	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	5
GA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	5
IN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SC	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
VT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2	3	0	2	3	1	2	13	0	6	32
PERCENT	6	9	0	6	9	3	6	41	0	19	99*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2004 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	0	0	0	0
10 TO 19	1	4	0	5	16
20 TO 29	1	4	0	5	16
30 TO 39	0	7	0	7	22
40 TO 49	3	7	0	10	31
50 TO 59	0	1	0	1	3
60 TO 69	1	0	0	1	3
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	3
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	2	0	2	6
TOTAL	6	26	0	32	100
PERCENT	19	81	0	100	

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree